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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - MAY 5.

1. SUMMARY. HIGHLIGHTS:

-- ON THE U.S., THE PRESS REPLAYS EXCERPTS OF THE  
NEWSWEEK INTERVIEW WITH CARTER, CITES REPORTS OF CIA  
NEWS MANIPULATION, DENOUNCES STATEMENTS OF A TOUGHER  
U.S. LINE ON THE PANAMA CANAL, SAYS THAT U.S. COMPANIES  
ARE WITHDRAWING CAPITAL FROM WESTERN EUROPE, AND CHARGES  
THAT U.S./ NATO BASES IN GREECE ARE AIMED AT THE  
"SOCIALIST" AND MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES;

-- A COMMENTARY IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA DISCUSSES  
CRUISE MISSILES (SEPTTEL);

-- AN ARTICLE IN LITERATURNAYA GAZETA DENOUNCES  
U.S. INFORMATION POLICY (SEPTTEL);

-- ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THE PRESS CONTINUES TO  
REPLAY FAVORABLE REACTION TO THE LATEST SOVIET STATE-  
MENT, INCLUDING AN INTERVIEW WITH PLO CHIEF ARAFAT  
(SEPTTEL). ON LEBANON, IT REPORTS PRE-ELECTION  
MANEUVERING; AND ECONOMIC AID CHIEF SKACHKOV DEPARTED  
FOR SYRIA;

-- CUBA'S RAOUL CASTRO IS STILL HERE,  
HAVING MET SUSLOV AND BREZHNEV;

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-- THE REPORT ON THE BERLIN MEETING OF THE ECPC  
EDITORIAL COMMISSION LISTS 28 PARTICIPATING PARTIES;

-- THE TREATMENT OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1970  
SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK TREATY INDICATES CONTINUING SOVIET  
SATISFACTION WITH IT;

-- THE LAOTIAN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION

LEFT THE USSR AFTER A TWO-WEEK VISIT. THE COMMUNIQUE WAS MARKED BY EXTRAVAGANT MUTUAL PRAISE (SEPTEL;

2. U.S. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY TASS ITEM REPLAYING PORTIONS OF CANDIDATE CARTER'S NEWSWEEK INTERVIEW, INCLUDING HIS COMMENT ON THE NEED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION IS US-SOVIET RELATIONS, BUT ALSO NOTING HIS CRITICISM OF THE HELSINKI ACCORD. TASS ALSO REPORTED CARTER'S REMARKS IN ACCEPTING PALESTINAIAN RIGHTS AND HIS CRITICISM OF US POLICY IN ANGOLA. STRETCHING OUT THE CIA STORIES, A PRAVDA ARTICLE CALLED "NEW YORK- BANGKOK AND BACK" TALKS ABOUT ALLEGED DISINFORMATION TRICKS BY MEANS OF PLANTED STORIES AND USE OF CIA-PAID PUBLISHERS AND REPORTERS. A TASS ITEM FROM NEW YORK SPEAKS OF US EFFORTS TO "DICTATE" TO PANAMA, CITING A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT, AS CONTRADICTORY TO THE "DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES" OF TWO YEARS AGO. FINALLY, KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPORTS THE US-GENEVA TALKS ON BASES AND CITES A GREEK NEWSPAPER, WHICH CHARACTERIZES THE BASES AS A PLATFORM SERVING US "AGGRESSIVE PLANS" AGAINST SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND "PEOPLES LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

3. MIDDLE EAST. PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR COLUMN IS A GLOSS OF THE RECENT SOVIET STATEMENT ON SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND CLAIMS THAT THE SOVIET POSITION HAS MET WITH WIDE SUPPORT. LIGHT COVERAGE FROM BEIRUT REPORTS THE SITUATION STILL TENSE AS PREPARATION CONTINUES FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION THERE. IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT S.A. SKACHKOV, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOVIET COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES LEFT FOR DAMASCUS. (COMMENT: SINCE SKACHKOV HANDLES AID MATTERS, HIS TRIP MAY SIGNAL A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEW BILATERAL AND ACCORD, END COMMENT).

4. CUBA. PRAVDA REPORTS THAT SOVIET POLITBURO MEMBER SUSLOV RECEIVED RAOUL CASTRO, MEMBER OF THE CUBAN POLITBURO AND PARTY SECOND SECRETARY, ON MAY 4. AS WE GO TO PRESS, TASS ENGLISH HAS ANNOUNCED THAT BREZHNEV RECEIVED RAOUL CASTRO ON MAY 5. NEITHER ANNOUNCEMENT PROVIDED DETAILS OF THE MEETINGS WITH CASTRO, WHO ALSO APPEARED AT THE SOVIET MAY DAY FESTIVITIES.

5. EUROPEAN COMMUNIST AFFAIRS. PRAVDA REPORTS THE MAY 4 MEETING OF THE ECPC EDITORIAL COMMISSION IN BERLIN WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF 28 EUROPEAN PARTIES. THE LIST OF DELEGATION HEADS INDICATES THAT

MOST ARE SENIOR PARTY OFFICIALS. THE SOVIETS ARE  
REPRESENTED BY POLITBURO CANDIDATE MEMBER  
PONOMOREV.

6. CZECHOSLOVAKIA. PRAVDA REPORTS FROM PRAGUE ON THE  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1970 TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP,  
COOPERATIONS AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. THE TASS  
REPORT SAYS THAT THE TREATY "SERVES AND IN THE FUTURE  
WILL SERVE THE INTERESTS OF BOTH PEOPLE," A FORMULATION  
WHICH SHOWS SOVIET SATISFACTION WITH THIS, THE FIRST  
OF THE NEW ROUND OF MOSCOW'S TREATIES WITH ITS NEIGHBORS.

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